

City of Renton - Board of Park Commissioners

Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2016 - City Hall – 7th floor, #726

1. CALL TO ORDER

In Attendance:

Members: Troy Wigestrland, Cynthia Burns, Al Dieckman, Mike O'Donin, Larry Reymann, Tim Searing, Marlene Winter, and Avni Mungra

City Staff: Kelly Beymer, Leslie Betlach, Cailin Hunsaker, Terry Flatley, Drey Hicks, and Roberta Graver

Chair, Troy Wigestrland, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Roll call was taken. All board commissioners, except Avni Mungra present (she arrived at 4:35, after roll call was taken). Troy stated that agenda item #5e – Other, has been added for board members to have the opportunity to share.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tim Searing made a motion to approve the September 13, 2016 minutes; Michael O'Donin seconded. All were in favor; motion carried; the minutes were approved.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Cynthia Burns made a motion, seconded by Al Dieckman to approve the agenda as presented. All were in favor; motion carried; the agenda was approved. Troy noted that Agenda item "5e. Other" was added for boardmember to add discussion as needed.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS / PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

BOARD COMMUNICATION

Benson Hill Plan Advisory Board— No update, next meeting is Thursday, October 20th.

City Center Plan—Michael shared that traffic revisions along Main is dependent on the construction stage of the Heritage Apts; the Arts Commission is working on an art installation downtown; the recent Pop Up downtown was extremely popular; the consultant (MIG) for the Downtown Civic Core Vision and Action Plan has been approved; and Kelly Beymer shared that the Park Rules will be revised soon to make the ordinance more clear for the enforcement of the restriction to erect tents or temporary enclosed structures on city property or in city parks.

Student Report — Avni shared that the summer program offered a variety of sports, arts and drama programming for students, also about the UW's Making Connections (UW Womens Center Making Connections is a college-readiness program serving **105 Seattle high school students** during the 2014-2015 academic year. The primary mission of Making Connections is to increase college enrollment and career interests in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) fields. One hundred percent of our students are low-income, and most are the first in their family to attend college.)

Board Membership — Kelly Beymer announced Michael O'Donin's submission of resignation and shared the city's gratitude for his many years of volunteering on this board and others, as well as countless hours helping with other programs and events.

Other —Larry wants to talk about the Eastside Rail Corridor at the next meeting. Cynthia wants to hear more about the 167/405 interchange developments. Cynthia shared her appreciation to the city parks department for maintaining the landscaping at the old Highlands Library location. Kelly noted that the concrete turtle was

moved from the old Highlands Library location to the parks maintenance building until a relocation site has been determined. Troy highly recommends the local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Class for emergency preparedness that he's taking. Cynthia shared her appreciation and enjoyment of the recent Renton Multicultural Festival.

5. CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

Kelly will share the budget presentation at the November meeting that she presented at the 10/21 Committee of the Whole.

6. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

Tiffany Park / Cascade Trail Connector – The park commissioners will be touring the Tiffany Park / Cascade Trail connector after the meeting is adjourned.

7. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

New Staff – Kelly introduced Drey Hicks, the new Neighborhood Program Coordinator. He provided a sample of the Neighborhood Grant application in the meeting handouts, and he will give more details in a presentation at the November park board meeting. The hiring of the new Neighborhood Resources and Events Manager is in its final stage. Final determination is forthcoming.

CAPRA Accreditation – Community Services staff is currently working on the Re-Accreditation application, which, if they pass, will provide the department with a national 5-year accreditation status with the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA). This is a comprehensive application process of demonstrating compliance with over 150 national standards for park and recreation agencies.

8. OLD BUSINESS – none

9. CORRESPONDENCE - none

10. INFORMATION

- Handouts included Tiffany Park / Cascade Connector maps and descriptions.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Larry Reymann and seconded by Cynthia Burns to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 pm. All were in favor, motion carried, meeting adjourned.

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